

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Attorney Ref.: ZP192-05009
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Inventor: Richard MUELLER	)	Examiner: Jay SIGLER
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Application No.: 10/551,101	)	Group Art Unit: 3775
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For: Bone Anchor	)	Date Submitted: December 23, 2009

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2009, in the above-referenced patent Application. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the examination.

In addition, the Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), of \$555.00 is accompanied with this response.

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS** begins on page 2.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** NONE.

**REMARKS** begin on page 18.